IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicants: Mark C. Duhon Art Unit: 3676

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed March 17, 2008, Applicants provide the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0457.